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LOK SABHA

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SHORTAGE OF PRE- PAID CARDS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is shortage of pre-paid connections of the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited in Uttar Pradesh, particularly in Bareilly district where complaints have been received about not getting connection despite lapse of more than one year; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) Yes Sir, due to capacity constraints and to give trouble free service to the customers, the release of pre-paid connections has been controlled temporarily.

(b) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has placed Purchased order for supply and installation of equipment for 12,20,000 lines capacity including 42,800 lines capacity for Bareilly district in Uttar Pradesh and the connections are expected to be available on demand within six months.